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## N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OF

Administrative Action

Jennifer Hirsch

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TO PRACTICE NURSING

IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Jennifer Hirsch's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse by endorsement, including voluntary consent to a criminal history background check. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on June 10, 1988, by members of the Boonton Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3 (Criminal Mischief). On October 3, 1988, the applicant was found guilty in the Boonton City Municipal Court, sentenced to 30 days suspended confinement, and assessed fines and costs totaling two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00).

The applicant failed to disclose her arrest and conviction on her application for licensure, answering "No" to the question on the

license application which asked if she had ever been arrested and "No" to the question which asked if she had ever been found guilty of any offense. The applicant stated that she made poor choices as many young people do. She was naïve and did not realize the consequences of certain behavior would follow her for the rest of her life. She was irresponsible and placed herself in situations that resulted in very bad outcomes.

The applicant acknowledges the arrest and guilty plea. The Board finds that the applicant misrepresented her criminal history on the application which constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature and timing of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

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1. Jennifer Hirsch's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse by endorsement shall be granted upon Board review and approval of a completed application and compliance with paragraph two below.

- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose her arrest and conviction on her application. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.
- 3. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Jennifer Hitsch



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October 14, 2015

Via Regular and Certified Mail

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Re:

Proposed Consent Order of Licensure

Dear Ms Hirsch:

The New Jersey State Board of Nursing has considered your application for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensure by Endorsement. The Board has decided to grant licensure with the imposition of a civil penalty for failing to disclose arrest and convictions on your application.

Please review the enclosed Consent Order. You may, of course, consult with an attorney if you so desire. If you agree to the terms, please sign the Consent Order and return it to me with payment of the civil penalty (either a certified check, bank cashier check, money order, or the enclosed payment form) within thirty days. Once filed, this Order will be considered a public document and you will have been disciplined by your professional licensing board. If no response is received within ninety (90) days, your application will automatically be deemed abandoned without further notice.

Should you have any questions concerning the terms of this Order, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Joanne Leone, Esq.

Acting Executive Director